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TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The following regulations were filed with the Secretary of State on October 6, 2003 and became effective upon filing.

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS
Title 3. California Code of Regulations
Article 22. Citrus

Section 1430.35. Oranges, Color Determination and Ratio.

Oranges may be picked when 90 percent or more, by count, of the oranges in any lot have attained before picking, on at least one-fourth of the fruit surface, at least a minimum characteristic orange color, as indicated by color No. 7.5Y6/6 Munsell color designated as "orange color (a)"; however, said oranges shall not be packed or offered for sale unless the lot tests a ratio of eight parts soluble solids to one part acid.

In addition to Section 1375.21, "before picking" means that the decision at time of picking as to whether a lot of oranges meets orange color (a) shall be conclusive. If a lot fails to meet color (a), the fruit may be reconditioned one time within 24 hours.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407, 42682, and 42684, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 42941, Food and Agricultural Code.

Section 1430.36. Oranges, Maturity.

Oranges shall be mature. Oranges, except bloods, tangerines, and mandarins, shall not be considered mature unless they comply with one of the following requirements:

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(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), if any sample of oranges tested has a soluble solids to acid ratio test of less than 7 to 1, the lot from which such sample of oranges was taken shall be rejected.

(b) The juice contains soluble solids which are equal to or in excess of eight parts to every part of acid which is contained in the juice (the acidity of the juice to be calculated as citric acid without water of crystallization), and 90 percent or more of the oranges in any lot, by count, before picking have attained orange color (a) on at least one-fourth of the fruit surface.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407,42681, and 42684, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 42941, Food and Agricultural Code.

Sincerely,

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